

From: Burris, Greg
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 7:48 AM
To: Honea, Evelyn; Hall, David; Evans, Mike; Kelley, Tony; Quigley, Collin
Subject: FW: Your Sunday letter to the editor in the News-Leader

FYI, so that no one gets blind-sided by upcoming comments or suggestions by the Missouri Liberty Coalition.

Greg Burris
City Manager
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From: Fred B. Ellison [mailto:fbellison@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2008 3:01 PM
To: Tom Martz
Cc: Carl and Linda Herd; James Hornaday Jr.
Subject: Re: Your Sunday letter to the editor in the News-Leader

Tom,

To the public, the return of contribution is one of the most controversial benefits in the Pension Plan. It is also the skin that the unions need to put in the game.

If they are asked to give this up and refuse, they will have to bear some of the responsibility for the failure of the sales tax proposal. Otherwise, they will be free to blame the voters of Springfield, City Council and the City administration.

Fred

--- On **Sun, 12/7/08**, **Tom Martz** <t.martz@gmail.com> wrote:
From: Tom Martz <t.martz@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Your Sunday letter to the editor in the News-Leader
To: missourilibertycoalition@googlegroups.com
Date: Sunday, December 7, 2008, 2:47 PM

Before I would do this I would request a print out of when the force is eligible for retirement, since if they are spread out the impact is minimal, however if there are about 10 or 15 people that can retire the same year that would have serious impact

On Sun, Dec 7, 2008 at 2:42 PM, Fred B. Ellison <fbellison@yahoo.com> wrote:
Jim,

I read Mr. Viebrock's letter a few minutes ago.

We also need to apply some moral suasion and pressure to the Police and Fire Unions about giving up the return of contribution.

Fred

--- On Sun, 12/7/08, James Hornaday Jr. <railmet@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: James Hornaday Jr. <railmet@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Your Sunday letter to the editor in the News-Leader

To: "Jim Viebrock" <Jim.Viebrock@house.mo.gov>

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Date: Sunday, December 7, 2008, 11:29 AM

Dear Representative Viebrock:

I am one of your constituents. My wife and I are aware of your good efforts in Jefferson City.

I totally agree with what you said in today's editorial page concerning the as-yet unresolved issue of Springfield's pension deficit.

I have been following this issue for some time, and appreciate your prior legislative efforts, resulting in the State of Missouri FORCING the City to properly pay its pension obligation this year. I am convinced the City would not have done this without the State's statute that would have withheld a BIG portion of its sales tax revenue.

The group I have been working with, the Missouri Liberty Coalition, (an independent non-profit association) has seen the pension deficit grow with the mismanagement of the City's tax revenue by the current council. We firmly believe the current city council members will NOT voluntarily or prudently use any new tax revenue, and will continue to waste revenue on non-essentials and questionable capital projects.

I have been communicating with Mr. Burris, as the new City Manager. I believe, as a new administrator, he has potential to be a positive change for the city's actions. He has, with our urging, agreed to draft a resolution for

council approval that would formally bind the current council to abide by the promises he made in public promotions of his 1% sales tax increase proposal. We hope this resolution is brought before council as quickly as possible, and that council will approve that resolution.

Without council approval of a binding resolution for administration of any new tax money, it leaves many citizens with a totally unnecessary uncertainty as to whether the pension fund will be administered any better than it has been than in the past.

We certainly appreciate your past efforts in this area, and hope you can continue your interest in the City's actions.

James R. Hornaday, Jr.
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"lite a fire for a man he'll be warm for a day, lite the man on fire and he'll be warm the rest of his life".

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

-Pericles (430 B.C.)

"You don't pay taxes - they take taxes."

~ Chris Rock~

"no cause is lost if there is but one fool to fight for it"

~Will Turner~

~Pirate's of the Caribbean @ World's End~

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